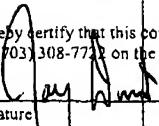


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In advance of examination, applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered.

**In The Claims:**

*Please amend claim 1 and withdraw claims 16-24 as follows:*

1. (currently amended) A probe microscope comprising:

a probe; 10006090  
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TOKOMI 270.00 13K a scanner for generating relative motion between said probe and a sample;

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## **REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated April 25, 2003, the Examiner restricted the claims of the present case into three groups (I, II and III), indicating that the claims of the application define three distinct inventions. In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant elects the claims of Group I, including claims 1-15 and 25, without traverse.

In a Preliminary Amendment being filed in conjunction with this Reply to Restriction Requirement, applicant has withdrawn claims 16-24 and has added new claims 26-49 directed to the claims of Group I. Applicant believes that new claims 26-49 should be examined with the elected claims, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner

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have any question or wish to discuss this case for any reason, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below number.

The Director is authorized to direct any additional fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,

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